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From the State Capital.

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A. J. Register.

Legislation is still the predominating occupation of a large class at the State Capital, and the majority of the law-makers seem as anxious to emulate their predecessors as at the beginning of the session. Bills are introduced with as much ardor as though the lives of whole communities or the existence of the State depended upon it; nor do I consider this condition of affairs will be discontinued until the time specified by law, or ten days prior to the day of adjournment, which from present indications will be a day between the 12th and 15th of March.

To-day has been spent in the discussion of the capital-removal proposition, and it was really interesting to hear the arguments pro and con; none but big guns took part. Jefferson City was out in full force to lobby against the question, and I know property holders here were never so anxious before. A vote was reached, however, late this afternoon, and resulted in the defeat of the Sedalla force, and I am not sorry.

My principal object for writing this week, Mr. Editor, is to perform a duty, as I take it, of expressing my views relative to the prohibition question, which is, to some extent, agitating the people, its adherents and opponents alike. I feel the more impelled to do so because I have been called upon for an expression by your Des Arc correspondent, who is known to be a prominent citizen and responsible man. Then, as a representative of the people, it is my duty to declare to them the reason why I am opposed to what is called prohibitory legislation, and I cannot conscientiously vote for any measure which is calculated to do harm to the material interests of Missouri, and drive capital in immense sums beyond her borders.

In the first place, prohibition does not prohibit. No law can be enforced which is not in full accord with public opinion, and which does not have back of it some clearly defined and general demand on the part of the masses. In my view of this case, no such demand has been made by any considerable proportion of the people of Missouri, and that no considerable proportion really desire any such sumptuary work. There are millions upon millions of dollars invested in this State in the manufacture of liquor, wine and beer, and in the sale and distribution of the same. The aggregate of land cultivated as vineyards in Missouri is very large. The capital invested in all these industries ramifies also through every avenue of trade and traffic; it gives work to multitudes of men, supports of multitudes of families; pays to the State Government a very considerable revenue, and bears a very considerable part of State and county taxation.

From a moral standpoint, also, it is in indisputable evidence that where prohibitory laws are in their fullest and most rigid enforcement, the consumption of alcohol in all of its various forms is out of all proportion to what it would be if the whisky traffic was regulated by just and sensible legislation. I can not at this time, in the space allotted me for this article, go into a full discussion of this aspect of the question; yet, if all official reports are true, Maine is a fair sample of the lamentable failure of prohibitory legislation. For instance, hear what Neal Dow, the great temperance reformer, says on the subject.

He says: "Whisky in Maine is carried in small bottles in the pockets of the liquor dealers and dealt out on the sly; it is put into tea-pots and placed upon the kitchen shelf; it is built into the walls of houses in tin cans, with a small rubber pipe by which to draw it off; it is concealed in small bottles in the bed; it is concealed in bottles under the floor, put there through a trap that can be only reached by removing the bed; it is concealed in small flat bottles in the ash pit under the ovens of cooking stoves; it is hidden in wells attached to strings fastened some inches below the surface of the water, it is under the floor of the pig sty; it is hidden away upon the flat roof of the house, access to it being had only through a scuttle; it is hidden in attics, under the floor, and in cellars;" and, in fact, it seems there is no secret place in which it may not be found.

Furthermore, this is no time, in my opinion, to cast into the political arena in Missouri a question so full of strife and bitterness. Constitutional liberty is fighting for its life. Its life-long champion, the Democratic party, can not carry a single additional ounce of weight if it is intended to win the fight; nor will the Republican party, with all its boasted prestige and power, of its own option, enter a political campaign in Missouri with "Prohibition" as its battle cry. Not that a majority of this or that party are tipplers, drinkers or dealers, but because it smacks too much of that puritanical history of our country, and to which puritanical maternity it owes its birth.

Finally, Mr. Editor, I am opposed to prohibition because it is not a friend to temperance, as heretofore shown; because it interferes with vested rights; because it is opposed to the whole history and government of the Democratic party; because it would drive from Missouri not less than ten thousand dollars' worth of active capital; because a large majority of tax-payers do not desire it, and because all forms of sumptuary legislation of whatsoever nature, whether local, special or general, are in direct and harmful conflict with the most vital principles of our republican institutions.

No doubt there are some in Iron county who entertain different views from the above; and were it possible to have

away at one stroke this alcoholic curse and leave our beloved country entirely from the damning influences of this traffic, then I too would disinherit the above objections; but, until then, we had better content ourselves with the inculcation of temperance, and the more thorough promulgation of the doctrine of our Christian religion.

Excuse me for occupying so much space; and, in conclusion, will say, that notwithstanding my views as herein expressed, I will submit to a majority; so if the prohibitionists have a majority they will find a most humble servant in

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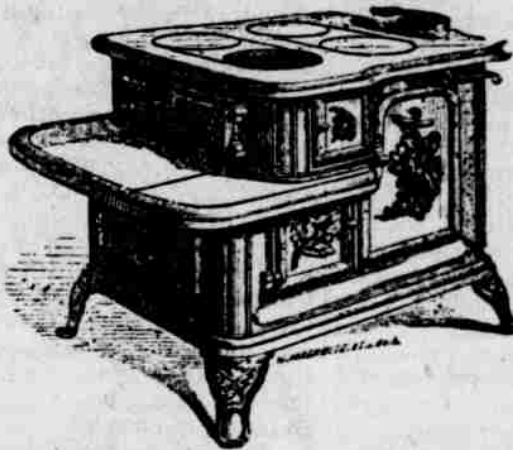
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Order of Publication.

In the Circuit Court of Iron County, Mo., in vacation—Feb. 28th, 1881: The State of Missouri at the relation and to the use of James Buford, Collector of the Revenue of Iron County, Mo.,

against John F. T. Edwards, I. F. Garner and all unknown interested parties. [Action to Enforce Payment of Taxes.] Now at this day comes the plaintiff, James Buford, collector of the revenue of Iron county, Missouri, and files his petition and affidavit, setting forth among other things, that the defendants, I. F. Garner and all unknown interested parties, are non-residents of the State of Missouri, and can not be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law; it is, therefore, ordered by the clerk of the circuit court of Iron county, Mo., in vacation, that publication be made, notifying said defendants that an action has been commenced against them in the circuit court of said county, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri for back taxes for the year 1878, on the following real estate, belonging to said defendants, to wit:

The south half of the southeast quarter of section 32, township 34, range 1 west; (An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amount of taxes now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$2.10, is filed with said petition as provided by law.) And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court, to be holden for said county of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse in said county, on the fourth Monday in April next (1881), and on or before the sixth day thereof (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

It is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law in the "Iron County Register," a weekly newspaper published in said county of Iron, and State of Missouri.

JOS. HUFF, Clerk.

A true copy: Attest, with seal, this 28th day of [SEAL.] February, 1881. JOS. HUFF, Clerk Iron County Circuit Court.

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East half of section 25, township 34, range 2 west; (An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amount of taxes now due on said real estate, for the years aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of \$8.30 is filed with said petition as provided by law.) And unless they be and appear at the next term of said court, to be holden for the county of Iron, and State of Missouri, at the courthouse in said county, on the fourth Monday in April next (1881), and on or before the sixth day thereof (if the term shall so long continue; and, if not, then before the end of the term), and plead, answer or demur to said plaintiff's petition, the same will be taken as confessed, judgment rendered in accordance with the prayer of said petition, and said real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said judgment, interest and costs, be sold under a special fieri facias to be issued thereon.

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